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## Dear Representative:

It is my understanding that you are a member of the State of Connecticut Joint Committee on Judiciary, and will be reviewing the following raised bill regarding THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS OR MACHINE GUNS TO MINORS.

## I urge you to oppose Raised Bill No. 358 PROHIBITING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS OR MACHINE GUNS TO MINORS. .

This law would hurt someone such as me or any other parent who wants to go to the range with a son(s) and or daughter(s) maybe an uncle, scout master, friend and so on; I think you have the idea, for a day of legal sport shouting. But because of a certain type of gun that is on a list here in Connecticut people that are normally law abiding tax paying citizens will now be breaking the law.

From past experience of going to the range with my son we have bonded and have good safe fun. As many others have and do.

Let's work on putting the REAL, law breaking criminals in jail with MINIMAL plea bargaining so the stay where they belong. Let's work together to enforce the laws that we have, instead adding more laws and only adding to an already over burdened legal system, from law enforcement to the courts.

This type of law only hurts good honest people. The criminal doesn't fallow the law. This we all know.

"You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time... It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience." Ronald Reagan, 1983

Your consideration of my request and the careful and thoughtful review of the above bill are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

David Hodgman Jr.